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Subject: Disappointed with Our City: Evolution of Tyandaga Golf course

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Hello planning committee,

As a 30 plus year resident of the Tyandaga community, I am disappointed to hear about major changes to our community golf course and green space buried deep in the Ward one online newsletter. Shame on you for giving the community only four days to respond. Kindly asking for much more community notice, input and consultations on this new engagement plan.

Since we became residents in this community, there have been several attempts over the years to claw back the golf course and 'redevelop'. Yes, we have heard that the course is not profitable and would be better served for housing. This latest 'study' just seems like a new angle to leave it 'natural' before high end houses, condos and high rises are proposed. We are still waiting to see how many stories of concrete go up at Kerns and Four Seasons. Now expecting the same for the land on the course. A 9 hole sounds like a poor business decision that will steamroll the way to a complete shutdown and redevelopment of this green space.

Your report says that the course has been a city asset since 1973, and as such, all homeowners have surely known that they purchased their homes beside a golf course where golfers play with golf balls. Solutions that can easily remedy ball trajectories can include seasonal nets, metal nets, fencing, trees, shrubs and other natural vegetation. Turning some of these troublesome holes into a practice facility (the new driving range?), only makes it more vulnerable for existing homeowners.

What are the implications of having another practice facility so close to two long established businesses that also offer the exact same? Will it dilute those businesses already paying the city their business taxes? Both Hidden Lake and Within Range are only 6 km from Tyandaga. Another practice facility within such close proximity is definitely ill conceived and again will steamroll its shutdown and development.

What are the implications to the restaurant and catering service now located in the golf course? What will happen to their livelihood once Tyandaga goes from a full service golf course to a fringe facility?

Paring down the golf course under the guise of naturalization is ill advised. I don't believe you. I know what happened to Saw-whet and Richview golf courses: they are now subdivisions for the wealthy.

Sincerely,

Diane Vert